

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

MTFCA and SWOPES Museum Visits

by Doug Brough

In May, we had to go pick up our son from college in Cleveland, OH. While enroute to Ohio, we stopped at the MTFCA Model T Museum in Richmond, IN. A local car club was having an outing on the day we stopped, so we got to see a lot of extra T's parked outside. Sophie Adcock: we thought of you when we saw that Sophie license plate! If you haven't visited the MTFCA Museum in a while, may this whet your appetite. You can also view a short video of the [MTFCA Museum](#) narrated by me.



IN PERSON July 14th meeting is on! See Page 8!

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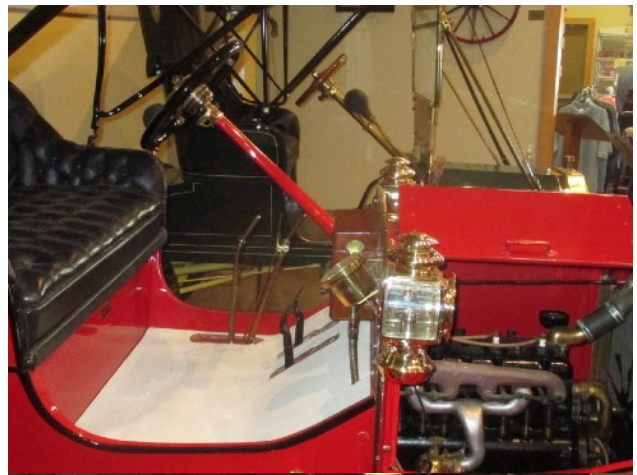
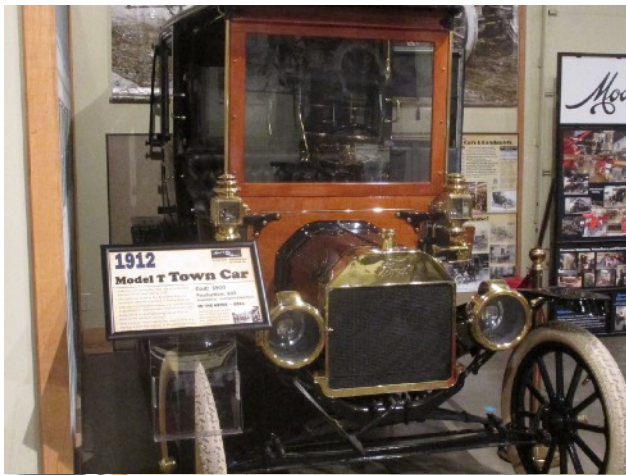
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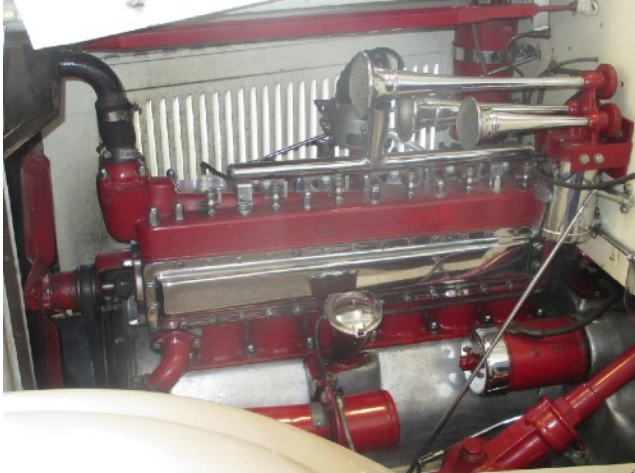
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While coming back to Texas from Ohio, we stopped at the Swopes Car Museum in Elizabethtown, KY. This is well worth the visit if you are in the area, and it's free! It is a bit hard to find, as it's smack dab in the middle of the Swopes Car Dealership. Note, there are no barriers around the cars so you can examine each closely. All the cars are in pristine shape. There are quite a variety of cars ranging from 1910 to the 1970's. You can also view a short video of the [Swopes Museum](#).



Fond Memories

by Jim Davis

My Stepdad worked for Southern Pacific Railroad in Houston as a construction engineer. I remember back in the mid fifties he took me over to the Fulton Street rail yards, where there were many tracks filled with old steam engines, lined up as far as you could see, headed to the scrap yard. I got to climb up into a few of the engines and ring the bells, and look at all the many gauges and valves that I didn't have a clue as to their function. I remember the long throttle lever hanging in the cab, and one or two very large gauges, and how high the cab was off the ground.

My Stepdad would tell the story about his dad, who drove a Model T when he was a kid, and how he never set the spark advance so that the engine would run smooth. He couldn't convince him otherwise. When his dad wasn't around he fired up the Model T and bent the spark lever so the engine would run smooth, but the spark lever would still be in the same notch his dad liked. It was 'sneaky', but his dad never caught on.

In the late forties, when steam locomotives were still common, I remember riding to my grandparents house in the country near Tomball, and from time to time, we would see the orange and silver Sunset Limited Train with the stainless steel clad steam engine pulling the train on the Houston to Los Angeles run along old Highway 290. My first dad would match speed with the locomotive, and I would wave to the engineer, who would always wave back.

My grandfather was a mechanic who worked on everything including Model Ts, but all I ever remember him driving were Chevrolets and Buicks. He had a 1936 Buick he would drive into town for ice cream and supplies. He fired the Buick up and started off. As soon as the wheels made a revolution or two, he shifted into 2nd gear, a few more revolutions, and he bogged it into high gear, where it snorted and jerked a little before settling down. He always straddled the center of the road, but with little oncoming traffic in the late forties it wasn't a problem. I wish I could have gained a little bit of his Model T and mechanical knowledge before he died. Fond memories.

Ford Model T Pictures

from Alan Fairclough

One of Alan's neighbors in Chile sent some photos to him, as he knew he had a Ford Model T.

The photos came from the book: **CAR - The definitive visual history of the automobile** by DK Publishing, New York, 2011, ISBN 978-0-7566-7167-9.

In the two sections: First Automobiles Up to 1920 under Ford Model T and Ford Model T straight-four pages 18-23 there are several very nice Model T photos. Here is a link to the book in its entirety:

https://mgclubedeportugal.pt/sites/default/files/other_files/History%20of%20the%20Automobile.pdf

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AMERICAN BUILDER (Covers the Entire Building Field)

[March, 1925]



Ford Trucks Haul Heavy Building Materials Economically

The Louis C. Rivas Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., purchased a Ford Truck to help out a heavier unit and on the strength of its performance, purchased additional ones.

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Texas T Party 2021

Wednesday September 29 - Sunday October 2

Temple, Texas



TOUR INFORMATION - URL

2021 Texas T Party Tour Application

Click the "2021 Texas T Party Registration Form" link below for the tour application. **Please, please, please fill it out on your computer**, then print it out to mail it to the address supplied at the bottom of the form along with your payment.

CLICK: [2021 Texas T Party Registration Form](#)

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE PRINTING IT OUT

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY
AUGUST 31, 2021

FORD MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION
FORM - *Required*

Please click the "MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form" linked below for the mandatory inspection form you must submit in order to participate on this tour in your Model T.

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM with your tour application and payment. Please print it out and complete it and then bring it with you when you register in person at the tour

CLICK: [MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2021 Texas T party will be based at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, located in the medical center area of the Temple Medical Center area. A special "T Party Tour Rate" of \$110 per night has been negotiated for tour participants. The hotel is committed to providing 80 of their 130 rooms at this rate. It may go over this quota depending on demand from other customers, so act quickly. The hotel is pet friendly but does require a \$50 non-refundable pet deposit.

Hilton Garden Inn
1749 Scott Blvd
Temple, TX 76504
PH. (254) 773 0200

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE HOTEL
WEB SITE: [Hilton Garden Inn](#)

No secondary hotel has been reserved at this time. Information on this subject may be added at a later date, depending on the need.

The Flivver Flash is published by the Space City T's chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America in Houston, Texas twelve times per year. This newsletter is produced for the education and enjoyment of members and those expressing interest in joining the Space City T's. Said education and enjoyment is as it pertains to the Model T Ford automobile. The Flash is also shared with other antique auto clubs. Other clubs may use articles from this publication with credit to this newsletter or the original source. News, articles, ads or anything of interest to the club must be submitted to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication. Emailing takes place the last week of the month. Annual dues are \$25 per year.

2021 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

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2022 Officer Nominations

Please communicate your 2022 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at (713) 299-3059 or daverlucas@yahoo.com.

New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

Jerry Smith
13723 Llano Lake Court
Houston, TX 77059

A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2021 dues!

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

Model T Ford Club of America

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Richmond, IN 47375-0996
Phone: 765-855-5248

Email: rachel@mtfca.com

\$40 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford
Join MTFCA at: www.mtfca.com

FLIVVER FLASH INPUTS NEEDED

Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or not so funny Model T stories? Tour photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, restoration photos or swap meet finds? A special interest article?

Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: topkick7@outlook.com



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281-482-4156 home,
leave a message or

Next Meeting July 14, 2021



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

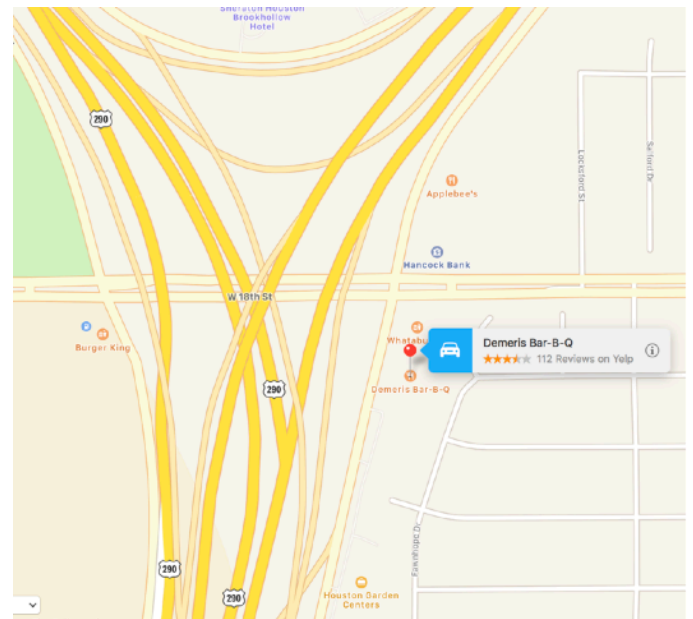
**located at
1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:
Lazy Brook Baptist Church
1822 West 18th Street in the
Heights**

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Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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